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We write in response to your letter dated April 30, 2007, in which the refund request was denied due to a purported claim amendment on May 15, 2006. The document submitted on May 15, 2006 was not an amendment, but merely a Request for a Corrected Filing Receipt. This Request included a photocopy of a preliminary amendment filed back in 2004, but it did not represent the claims as they existed in 2006. Please refer to the claim amendments filed in August 2005 and March 2006 for versions of the claims that were more recent than the 2004 preliminary amendment.

In short, there was no amendment dated May 15, 2006, and the Patent Office erred in printing based on that document. The refund request should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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